

**REMARKS**

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 through 23 in view of the above amendments. The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 3 through 9, 11 through 16, 19, 22, and 23 are directed to allowable subject matter.

**I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations required by claim 6 and also to correct an antecedent basis error. Claim 10 has been amended to include the limitations required by claim 11. In addition, claim 17 has been amended to include the limitations required by claim 19. Claim 7 has been amended to reflect its dependency from claim 1 and to correct an antecedent basis error. Claim 12 has been amended to reflect its dependency from claim 10 and also to ensure consistency between the terms used throughout the claims.

Claims 2 through 6, 11, 13 through 15, and 19 through 22 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1, 7 through 10, 12, 16 through 18, and 23 remain pending in the case.

The amendments to claims 1, 10, and 17 have been made to place the claims in condition for allowance based on the indication in the Final Office Action that claims 6, 11, and 19 were directed to allowable subject matter. Therefore, the Applicant submits that these amendments are appropriate for entry in response to the Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and that claims 1, 10, and 17 are entitled to allowance along with their respective dependent claims.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors.

1 **III. CONCLUSION**

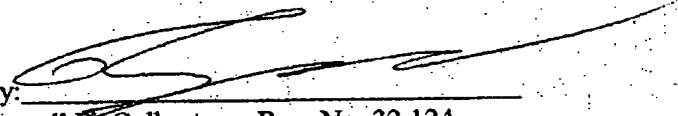
2 For all of the above reasons the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and  
3 allowance of claims 1, 7 through 10, 12, 16 through 18, and 23.

4 If any issue remains as to the allowability of these claims, or if a conference might  
5 expedite allowance of the claims, the Examiner is asked to telephone the Applicant's attorney,  
6 Russell D. Culbertson, at the number listed below prior to issuing a further action in this case.

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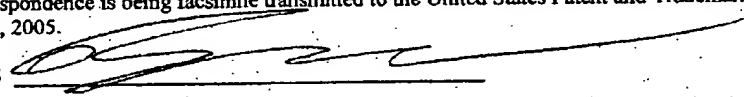
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